



Scholarships cross 'Bridge Too Far' for Ohio U. Student Correspondents

ATHENS, Ohio — The number of foreign correspondents covering the world is steadily dwindling, according to studies done at Ohio University and published in the Overseas Press Club Directory as well as in other publications.

One way to correct this alarming decline in news coverage, according to two experts on foreign correspondence, is to direct young new journalists into the field of foreign correspondence, and to help do so, a memorial fund in honor of a great foreign correspondent, journalist and historian, *Cornelius Ryan*, has been established at Ohio University. Ryan was a cancer victim after completing his last book, *A Bridge Too Far*, recently released in film.

It is the intent of Connie Ryan's colleagues, friends, associates and admirers to permanently endow two annual foreign internships to be known as the Cornelius Ryan Foreign Correspondence Internships. Each internship would receive a grant of \$2,000 to assist in the experience of working in a major news bureau abroad.

The internships would go, with others, to students in the Ohio University School of Journalism, on either a senior or graduate level, who undertake a unique year-long course in foreign news coverage after they have completed all the regular journalism courses as well as securing a broad background in the arts, sciences and humanities. A foreign-language proficiency would be required in many cases where English is not the language in use in the country to be covered.

So far, more than 20 students have been sent abroad under such arrangements, and many are now permanently established, covering countries previously without any foreign correspondents, or those with generally minimal coverage.

The internship is spent with veteran foreign correspondents in major wire service, magazine and broadcast bureaus. After learning the coverage methods used by these veterans, the interns return abroad at the first opportunity to attempt to be stringers in countries known to lack adequate coverage. Some are in Iran and Indonesia, while others have provided coverage from Upper Volta and Costa Rica. Only one-half of the 130 nations of the world are felt to have adequate coverage, according to Dr. Ralph Kliesch, authority on the subject.

Ryan was a longtime active member of the Overseas Press Club, and served as vice president of the OPC. His wife Kathy, and his children, Geoffrey and Victoria, gave their support of the new internships placing them at Ohio University where Ryan had received a Doctor of Humane Letters Degree from his longtime friend, *John Wilhelm*, Dean of the College of Communication at Ohio University.

Dean Wilhelm, who was a foreign correspondent for 11 years and director of McGraw-Hill World News for 13 years, designed and installed the foreign correspondence sequence at Ohio University. It has drawn national attention to this field, and has resulted in the phrase "Instant Foreign Correspondents" as the students while still at the university, begin covering the U.S. for prominent foreign dailies.

"Our students have been very successful when sent overseas as they are carefully selected and only the very best are permitted to go," Wilhelm explained. "Most have had substantial professional experience in this country before they are assigned to a foreign bureau."

Ryan was a fellow correspondent with Wilhelm during World War II when both worked for Reuters, Ryan later shifting to the *Daily Telegraph* of London and Wilhelm to the *Chicago Sun*, both working as war correspondents. Ryan later worked for *Time-Life* in Tokyo, and the *Readers Digest* in Europe. Wilhelm is a former president of the OPC.

Ryan, whom Malcolm Muggeridge called "a truly brilliant reporter... perhaps the most brilliant of the 20th century," wrote a number of other books including, *The Longest Day* and *The Last Battle*. Theodore White said: "He was one of those who brought to a climax that particular American excellence in the contemporary narrative."

A preview premier of Ryan's film, "A Bridge Too Far," was held in Columbus, Ohio, for the benefit of the new fund. *Ben Wright* is executive chairman, and General James Gavin is honorary chairman. Committee members are: Edward W. Barrett, Art Buchwald, Herb Caen, Mrs. Henry Coe, Walter Cronkite, Richard E. Deems, Mrs. David Evins, Paul Gitlin, the late *Ben Gauer*, *William Randolph Hearst, Jr.*, H. Peter Kriender, Boyd Lewis, Charles B. MacDonald, Dr. Forrest C. Pague, Harry Reasoner, Pierre Salinger, Harrison E. Salisbury, Maxwell D. Taylor, Gen. USA (RET), John L. Tower, John C. A. Watkins, and Theodore H. White. Honorary Trustees are: Gerard Gaussen, Consul General of France and W.S.J. Campagne, Consul General of the Netherlands.

Contributions to the Ryan Internship Fund are tax-deductible and can be sent to the Ohio University Fund, Inc., P.O. Drawer 869, Athens, Ohio 45701. They will be acknowledged with a receipt stating it is tax-deductible.

From the Clubs

BONN — Large contingent of Bonn-based newsmen returned from long drawn out story of hostages held by South Moluccan terrorists in northern Holland during June. Among them Murray Seeger of *LA Times*, Craig Whitney of *NY Times*, David Shears of London *Daily Telegraph*, UPI's Joe Fleming and AP's Dave Minthorn and Roon Le-wald... Both West German Chancellor Schmidt and Foreign Minister Genscher were conspicuous by their absence at traditional annual Foreign Correspondents Association gala dinner at American Embassy Club along Rhine in Bonn-Bad Godesberg. Both had airtight alibis: they were tied up with affairs of state. Klaus Boelling, chief govt spokesman, came and heard some witty remarks about the leaders' absence during dinner remarks by president of assoc. Boelling reportedly was not pleased. Others who did come included some 300 foreign and German newsmen, members of Germany's ruling and opposition parties (mostly opposition), parliamentarians and bright stars of German radio and tv... Popular and enduring Roy Kohc, after umpteen years in Germany, moving to Paris to join International Energy Agency (IEA). Roy's last post here was with Fairchild Publications... Stan Silbey, PubAffairs Deputy of U.S. Command in Berlin, reports three recently accredited U.S. correspondents: David Aikman from Hong Kong who has reopened *Time-Life* news bureau in Berlin and has been roaming East Europe...

Economy forces cutbacks in foreign staffs

Has the economy, the jet age and the rise of the investigative reporter hurt the status of the foreign correspondent — or is he simply an endangered species? Deirdre Carmody, writing in *The New York Times* (April 4, 1977), notes that 429 full-time American correspondents and 247 foreigners worked for American news organizations around the world, according to a 1975 Overseas Press Club survey. However this was a noticeable drop from the 797 correspondents in 1972 and the 929 in 1969.

Economics, she says, is at the heart of it. Keith Fuller, general manager of The Associated Press, estimates that three years ago it cost the news agency about 20 per cent more to keep a correspondent abroad than to support a domestic correspondent. Today, the cost is double. Overseas bureaus cost between \$85,000 and \$115,000 annually.

Higher costs may have made it difficult for smaller news agencies but of the 14 major news organizations surveyed, most are either holding their own or increasing the size of their overseas staffs. These include *Time*, *Newsweek*, *The Baltimore Sun*, *The Christian Science Monitor*, *The Washington Post*, *The Los Angeles Times*, *The Wall Street Journal*, *The New York Times*, AP, UPI, ABC, NBC and CBS.

Another reason for the decline of the foreign correspondent, she points out, is the "general turning inward of the American people since the end of the Vietnam war... Watergate and the concern with good government that followed it and the pursuit of leisure" have taken priority over the public's concern with world news. Compared with 10 years ago there is much less emphasis today on daily event coverage or one-country stories. Now there are more trend stories and articles that the average American can relate to.

— Thomas J. Kraner

Charles Brady of *Newsday* and Peter Hiller, ret. USIS FSO, now with Minneapolis *Tribune*... Farewell parties in full swing for the Dan van der Wats. Dan returning to London home office of *The Times*... AP's Sandy Higgins back from Czech swing...

— Henry Hartzenbusch

Buenos Aires — American correspondents stationed in the Argentine capital do not limit their reporting activities to this country. They are constantly roaming neighboring and other South American states.

Juan de Onis of the *New York Times*, flies a lot to Venezuela and Colombia, while William Nicholson Jr. of the Associated Press keeps busy in Chile, Paraguay, Bolivia and Uruguay. David Belnap has been for many years the Buenos Aires correspondent for the *Los Angeles Times*, and also covers other South American countries. Martin McReynolds is UPI's stalwart.

Also there are correspondents for the *Washington Post*, *Newsweek* and *U.S. News and World Report* frequently on the move. All of them are quite happy in Argentina, and socializing a plenty.

— Enrique Rojas-Vela

The City Club of New York will not be using the Club facilities on Fridays during the summer. Therefore, the entire Club dining room is available for Friday lunch.

Kathleen McLaughlin draws plaudits for news career

A capacity crowd of good friends and admirers from the OPC, Newswomen's Club of New York, and her church, turned out June 22 to honor a legendary figure in American journalism — *Kathleen McLaughlin*.

"Always with wisdom and vision," *Ruth Biemiller*, moving spirit behind the party, noted, Kathleen became an expert in politics and finance, performing more accurately on occasion than Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner and Smith.

This talented journalist worked her way up from reporter on the *Atchison, Kansas Globe*, through ten years with the *Chicago Tribune* at the height of gangsterism, to 30 years with *The New York Times*, first as news and women's reporter in an all-male preserve, to United Nations, Washington and foreign correspondent (England, Holland, West Germany).

Reminiscences were both moving and funny. *Matt Bassity*, OPC President, credited Kathleen McLaughlin with the success of the internationally famed OPC Awards Program. "Without Kathleen's support we would not have had it." *Jack Raymond*, former OPC President, greeted her on arrival in Berlin in 1946, said: "She taught me how to cover the news in a foreign country. Never has there been a more decent, hard-working, penetrating investigative reporter," he added. "There is just nothing like her around."

Messages came from OPC member *Sigrid Schultze* and Emma Bugbee. A certificate of OPC appreciation read: "In recognition of a significant contribution to the aims and purposes of this professional news organization. A toast was proposed 'to a magnificent newspaper, great member of the club.' *Will Yolen* made her a life member (No. 35674) in the 'Kiteflyers Association.' *Mary Hemingway* tried a song tribute: 'Take me home again Kathleen.'"

Kathleen Teltsch, U.N. *Times* Bureau Chief, and *Cathy Shea*, also of the *Times*, presented a silver spike to remind the first Kathleen of her origins in Kansas railroad country. Teltsch recalled the time an Asian visiting the three Kathleens at the U.N., learned of their common first name and commented: "I understand, you are all brothers."

In response, the ever smiling, kind, talented Kathleen McLaughlin declared: "Are you sure you've been talking about me? I don't recognize myself." Apologizing for being out of circulation because of illness a couple of years, Kathleen summed it up: "Each time I come to the OPC there are always so many many happy memories. The OPC is very dear to my heart... It has been fun, fun, fun."

— Blyth Foote Finke

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CALENDAR

Wednesday, Aug. 24, 5:30 p.m. — Talking Shop With... David K. Shieler, N.Y. *Times* correspondent in Russia and Moscow Bureau Chief, effective Sept. Topic: "Update Russia."

Major breakthrough for news, photo service at UPI

News and picture services from United Press International's world headquarters in New York were transmitted to Anaheim, Calif., via satellite for the American Newspaper Publishers Association Research Institute Production Management Conference at the Anaheim convention center, June 11-16.

James F. Darr, UPI's vice president for systems development, said the transmissions were a major breakthrough in the way news and picture services would be delivered in the future.

Also displayed by UPI at the conference was a prototype of a highspeed printer which prints up to 4,000 characters per second (40,000 words per minute).

The satellite news service transmissions from the East to the West Coast are the first such domestic ones of their kind.

The news and picture services, including UPI's 1,200 words per minute DataNews service and Unifax II picture service, were fed into an earth station at Vernon Valley, N.J., then beamed to RCA's Americom satellite 22,300 miles above the earth for relay.

Darr said the receiving station on the ground of the Anaheim convention center — a simple 6-foot dish and connecting electronic gear — was expected to cost about 5,000 and could be placed on the roof of any newspaper or radio-TV station building.

The Americom satellite also beamed Associated Press news and picture services to Anaheim from New York. The satellite carried a total of 14 news and picture services for the two agencies.

First experiments of news service satellite transmission were made in April and May in New York. Then UPI sent to the satellite news, pictures and audio signals which were beamed back to a similar earth station located on the 15th floor roof of the New York Daily News building.

Darr said the new high-speed printer — expected to be available by the end of the year — was a major advance in an area where printouts of news stories delivered at high speed are necessary.

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LETTER

To the Editor:

Reading the latest Bulletin of *Newsday's* condemnation of the First Amendment decision, and the tribute UPI's Doc Quigg paid to the AP on UPI's 70th anniversary, brought to mind some old linotypers I used to know whose ultimate insult was: he's a goddam proofreader — one word, of course.

Although I remain unshaken in my opposition to capital punishment for proofreaders, I think we should preserve the historical record. *Newsday* ran a condensation, not a condemnation, of the legal decision. And the report of Doc Quigg's UPI anniversary story omitted all the praise it contained of the AP.

Here's to improved proofreading.

— George E. Burns

Editor's Note:

Pass the humble pie, please!

OYC plans August rendezvous in wake of June bash

The Overseas Yacht Club held its Going Into Commissioning Ceremony (and first rendezvous of the new boating season) on Saturday, June 11, at Anita Berke's country estate in Weston, Conn.

Once again, as on the two such occasions in the past, sun shone brightly, and brought out a plethora of nautical finery not usually associated with land-locked events.

Nevertheless, the ceremony itself was impressively nautical, thanks to the diligent efforts of Flag Officer Charlie Schreiber. The extra-large OYC burgee was duly displayed, as were the many exchange burgees from other yacht clubs. In addition, Charlie had constructed a miniature (about three-foot-high) replica of a yacht club's flag pole and yardarms, so that, as the cannon (again miniature) boomed, the Commodore's flag, cocktail flag, American flag, and OYC burgee were raised in turn. The fleet blessing was delivered by Executive Vice Commodore Bob Black (who just happened to have his prayer card with him), subbing for new Fleet Chaplain Will Oursler, who arrived fashionably late.

The turnout was large and lively, although we sorely missed Will Yolen and his kite-flying antics and Sol Zatt, who really had the perfect excuse: his daughter was being married that very day. Jim Beizer, new Potomac Commander, also missed the marvellous food provided by Anita because he was off house-hunting in the Washington, D.C. area. Worse, that meant not laying tired old eyes on Annette Beizer. Also absent was Salvage Officer Matt Bassity, who was at work that day at *The Daily News*.

Plans were laid for an August rendezvous at Schreiberia on Five-Mile River, and for the annual September rendezvous at Shelter Island. More details on these will be forthcoming shortly. And, in a moment of madness, Jay Brennan was appointed Pacific Commander. Also appointed: Roy Rowan as Climate Sea Commander, Brian McKibbin as Jopan Juland Sea Commander.

Noted on the scene especially was newly-elected Harbor Mistress Margo Barrett — perhaps one of the most glamorous looking sailors ashore or afloat. Stumbled on by roving groups was Ray Biemiller, who had sacked out amongst the grove trees far from the madding crowd. Safety Officer Frank Gilchrist was promptly dispatched to fetch him back to the main event. Also Sea Lawyer Harry Levin promptly set the appropriate fine for such abandoning of ship. Lou Calderoni and his imp a Virginia mere visible holding fort at the bar.

By rights this story should have been written by Fleet Flack George Burns. I thought I glimpsed a two-fisted mere who looked exactly like him.

— Al Wall

WHO, WHAT, WHERE

By GRACE NAISMITH

PUBLISHING: "Unforgettable Bob Considine" is the title of an article in *The Reader's Digest* for July, by Saul Pett, special correspondent for the AP. Pett wrote "Unforgettable Hal Boyle" for the *Digest* in Oct. 1974. (Formerly this feature was called "The Most Unforgettable Character I Ever Met," but had to be changed because so many writers met so many "most" unforgettables — like Bon and Hal.

And speaking of *Bob Considine*, the Bob Considine Scholarship Fund, established at Ohio University after Considine's death in 1975, has reached its \$50,000 goal. John Wilhelm, dean of the College of Communication and director of the School of Journalism is fund overseer and coordinator.

Millie Considine, widow of Bob, and author, with Ruth Pool, of "Wills, A Dead Giveaway," (now in second printing), has filed a \$7.2 million damage suit against the Hyatt Lake Tahoe Hotel in Nevada, charging that Considine died as a result of injuries suffered in the crash of a hot air balloon operated by the hotel, according to New York newspapers. Bob, the reports say, was covering the grand opening of the hotel, June 28, 1975, and was on the balloon which crashed into a tree. Mrs. Considine said the columnist never recovered from his injuries and he died three months later. Bob had written several times — in his book, "It's All News to Me," "I'll croak in this (newspaper) business, given the opportunity," and in his last Hearst column, "On the Line." He added "Is there a better way to go?"

TRAVELING: Mary Hemingway to Cuba in July to do research for a movie based on the life of her late husband Ernest. She will confer with Fidel Castro. The Hemingway home, Finca Vigia, which Mary describes so vividly in her recent book, "Hot It Was," had been turned over to the Castro government when it took over. Finca Vigia is now a museum. Jay Weston, who will produce the film for MGM, Sydney Pollack, director and screen writer Waldo Salt accompany the widow of Hemingway... Ed Greif has just returned from Dusseldorf, West Germany, where he conducted the public information office for the American Pavilion at DRUPA 77, the exposition for the printing and paper industry. En route home, he inspected exposition facilities in West Berlin, East Berlin and Copenhagen... Doris Macauley in New York with husband Thurston after two years at Iceland's NATO base. They are off to Mallorca, before a new assignment in the Moselle wine country. Doris, honored with a scroll for her service at NATO at Iceland, and Thurston, visited their son Theodore in London (he writes for *Pegasus* travel magazine). Ian Thurston, another son, is with *The Times* in New York... Wilma Dobie and photographer Helen Mandel are covering "all that Newport jazz" in Nice, France — "Grande Parade du Jazz." Helen is filling out her annual jazz photo exhibit which is to be held in connection with the Annual Jazz Benefit scheduled at the Biltmore Sept. 28 — "Buck Clayton Remembers Lady Day."

NEW LOOK: The National Committee on American Foreign Policy, Inc. has named Angier Biddle Duke as chairman of the Fact Finding Mission to Eastern Mediterranean countries. The group met with the heads of government of seven Middle Eastern nations, including the new Prime Ministers of Turkey and Israel... Kenneth S. Giniger, president of K.S. Giniger Company,

Inc., has been chosen as associate chairman for the 37th annual interfaith National Bible Week, Nov. 20-27. The announcement was made by Donald V. Seibert, national chairman of the Laymen's National Bible Committee which sponsors National Bible Week. Giniger was former president of the organization. Giniger is author or editor of ten published books, including "The Compact Treasury of Inspiration" which received a citation from The National Conference of Christians and Jews for its contribution to interfaith understanding. The OPC "Dateline '77" is published by Giniger, a member of the Board and long-time member active in Club affairs. His wife, Caroline, is one of the Club's most attractive wives... Helen Alpert upped to senior editor of *Retirement Living*. Recently in Winston-Salem, the R.J. Reynolds Company gave her a tobacco plant for her indoor garden... Elected to the Board of New York *Business Press* Editors, Inc. are Werner N. Brandis, president, Larry Stessin, director, and Tom Kranner, director and membership chairman. Brandis has been NYBPE secretary for the past three years... Ralph D. Gardner, host of Ralph Gardner's Bookshelf radio show (WRVR-NY) will write a new feature for *ACQUIRE*, the Magazine for Collectors, beginning in Sept. It will be called "The Celebrity Collector" and will be photo-illustrated. Each interview will cover the collecting interest of a prominent personality — men and women well-known in the arts, professions, sports, sciences, politics, etc. "Prominent personalities" may contact Gardner at 745 Fifth Avenue.

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Obituary

Mabel Greene Bean, former feature writer and fashion editor of the *New York Sun*, died July 4 in the Ozanam Hall Nursing Home in Bayside, New York. She was 79.

She was the widow of the late Edgar R. Bean, former news editor of *The New York News*, and the sister of Elinor Greene, a retired *New York*...